

MINUTES

PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

Jan 24, 1969

The President, Mr. Arthur Volz presided. Fifteen persons were present.

It was moved and seconded and passed that the reading of the secretaries' report and the treasurers report be dispensed with.

Mr. Daugherty announced that on Feb. 4 at 9:30 AM representatives of the County Park and Recreation department will come to Stinson Beach to look over the lower end of the Keller property for a playground. The County Counsel has advised that by petition of 10% of the registered voters, operation of such a facility may be considered a function of the County Service Area.

There was discussion of the size of the county service area which is thought the same as the Fire District. The matter of having more lights in the town was brought up and the method of securing them discussed. It can now be done by a householder if there is support from his neighbors, but it was also thought that the Progressive Club itself might better undertake this for anyone who want a special light. This might be begun ~~by~~ in the annual letter to property owners.

There was discussion of securing more interest in the Club and Miss Walsh suggested that much could be done through projects of committees, which would bring up any real problems before the club at its quarterly meetings. One thing which will soon come up is school unification.

House numbers were discussed and Mr. Daugherty will pursue this. Miss Brownlee spoke of her interest in a directory and several members said they still used the old one prepared by Helen Dawson for the Parent Teachers.

It was announced that work on Highway No. 1 will not begin until April because of a lack of money.

The nominating committee proposed the following slate:

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| President | Hugh Daugherty |
| Vice ,, | Arthur Volz |
| Treasurer | Ralph Sigmund |
| Secretary | Aleta Brownlee |

Mr. Chessman said he wanted to know more about the Harbor Board election. He does not know how to vote, and asked if the club has a position. Mr. Daugherty said the Club has not, but that we should hold a meeting with both sides represented which would help people understand the issues.

This will be done before the election on March 11th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Aleta Brownlee

Secretary

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Executive Committee of Progressive Club

March 30, 1969

Present: Hugh Dougherty, Chm., Mr. Brockhurst, Mr. Sigmund, Aleta Brownlee.

It was moved, seconded and passed to ratify all bills paid by the Treasurer, as follows:

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| Marin Chamber of Commerce | \$5.00 |
| Point Reyes Light | 9.85 |
| Meeting costs | 9.39 |
| Postage | 25.00 |

The President was authorized to hire someone to refurbish the litter cans using the Kent gift. The committee will be asked to take the initiative in planting and it was suggested that Art Menzies will be helpful.

Mr. Dougherty said that the county planning department has already assigned house numbers-- Assessor Book 195 Stinson Beach and the county will later pass an ordinance.

There is a necessity to correct some street names and the county should be asked to do this before passing an ordinance. Mr. Brockhurst will work with John Hau in the Planning Commission office on this, and select a committee.

The same committee will work on where to place STOP and YIELD signs.

If anyone wants to know his number he can ask by letter.

The County Park and Recreation Dept. is preparing a plan for a small playground. It will be necessary to secure some 24 signers on a petition and enlarge the county service area which presently is only responsible for lighting. Then an open meeting should be held to propose the plan.

Miss Brownlee was requested to select a committee to meet with a representative of the Park and Recreation Commission (Bryan Wittenkiller) to consider the plan which is only tentative at the moment.

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Feb. 28, 1969

Mr. Hugh Dougherty presiding.

Approximately 100 persons attended this meeting as all voters had been invited.

Mr. Dougherty announced that there would be a panel discussion for and against the important issue before the voters of the precinct-- the dissolution of the Harbor Board. Members of the Harbor Board were introduced, except for the chairman, Mr. Barfield, who was absent. The Moderator was Edward Z Lewis.

Panelists for the negative side were Don Bradley, a Democrat and resident of Bolinas and Phil O'Brien, a resident of Stinson Beach. Proponents for the dissolution of the Board were Eric Lund, of Stinson Beach, chairman of "Citizens for a Sensible Bolinas Harbor" and Peter Kitchell, an architect and city planner, from Bolinas.

Mr. Kitchell discussed the importance of the lagoon as a center for a whole basin surrounded by hills and water. What is done about it now will determine the intensity and kind of change made and the quality of the results. He stressed that the Harbor District should not be responsible for the key to the whole basin. He then showed some very interesting pictures to illustrate the strategic location of the lagoon in relation to the surrounding areas, all of them taken in one day.

Mr. Lund reviewed briefly the history of Harbor Board activities, commenting on its dependence on federal and state monies and lenience toward commercial interests. The voters of the district have no control and though they showed their opposition to the extensive plan for the lagoon made earlier, by even raising the money to buy Kent Island ~~and~~ the Harbor Commissioners have gone ahead and indebted them for the Francisco Ranch, and have four other properties under condemnation suits. They alone determine the dollar needs of the lagoon development and spend the tax money as they see fit. He said the picture would be much brighter if the control of the lagoon rested with the County of Marin whose elected officials are responsible to their constituents, and whose interest has been shown through purchases of shoreline by the Park and Recreation Department and who have proved responsive to conservationist planning.

Mr. O'Brien said he thought the expenditures of the Board were justified. We live here because we like it, the meetings of the harbor board have been poorly attended and no one objects to the budgets before they are passed. He said he was not impressed by county management, as witness the houseboat situation on Richardson Bay. He said the Gilroy plan was "old stuff", even the Board thinks it poor now and it was never adopted. "Cut off the albatross if you don't like it"-- he suggested election of an entirely new board.

Mr. Bradley said he was an avid and long time conservationist. Everyone agrees there is a need for more water in the lagoon. He thinks the county would

bring about a larger development than any of us want. He appealed to the group not to turn the lagoon development over to the county or the State.

In rebuttal Mr. Kitchell said he was amazed at our having a single purpose district, the Harbor District should quit worrying about a harbor and navigation, what is needed is broad scale, long range planning. Mr. Lund commented on the cost to the district for fighting it's dissolution, while opponents had to raise their own funds. He repeated that it is now a single purpose district which must create a harbor and then developments to support it. Mr. Bradley said Mr. Gilroy was present (planner for the Harbor District) . Mr. Gilroy explained his function the services he had rendered the district and defended the amounts of money paid him. He said he was interested in exactly what Mr. Kitchell said should be done-- the use of the environment by human beings. Mr. Middleton, a harbor commissioner was also introduced. He commented on what the lagoon had been like in the old days when it had plenty of water, on the fact that the powers granted the district are very broad, and questioned what was meant by a small harbor.

After a few comments from the floor, the meeting was adjourned.

Alta Browner

Secretary

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

Aug. 3, 1969

Those present were Mr. Hugh Dougherty, Mr. Ralph Sigmund, Mr. Chessman, Miss Helen Walsh, Mrs. Harriet Greene, and Miss Aleta Brownlee.

Mr. Jerry Hauke, of the Mill Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce, (53 Millay Place, Mill Valley 388-5496) presented plans for the Dipsea Race this year.

The race has grown very large-- last year there were 600 participants, and this year there may be 1000. There was discussion of whether women and children should be allowed to participate, but he was quite firm that it was not a race requiring credentials and should be open to all.

The discussion centered around finances. The Board of Supervisors contributes \$150 toward setting up the race. The Executive Committee voted \$75.00 for their share in arrangin a place for the end of the race, for w ich tables and chairs are required, and refreshments for the participants. It was decided to supply oranges and drinks but no sandwiches this year.

Mr. Hauke said there were 20 members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, 12 active, and last year six came to Stinson Beach to help. Monitors are required an it was decided that there should be a, so 6-10 large litter cans.

Merchants in Mill Valley and Stinson Beach will be solicited for advertising in the annual booklet.

Aleta Brownlee
Secretary

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STINSON BEACH PROGRESSIVE CLUB
Oct. 24, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Hugh Dougherty, President. It was moved, seconded and passed that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. The Treasurer reported \$390.00 in the treasury, and no unpaid bills.

Mr. Dougherty announced that the subject of the meeting was "The Mess We're in", particularly litter in the streets and weekend congestion. He said the local water district had attempted to deal with the problem and had hired a man to pick up litter along the streets and from the litter cans provided by the Progressive Club. This has cost taxpayers about \$600 but does not solve the problem.

Mr. Bob Jahrling of the California Division of Highways said the State spends 1 million dollars to handle litter along the highways. They have pushed for stronger legislation, but cannot measure the effect of their efforts. It was pointed out that the problem is worse on two lanes than on freeways, that Oregon has signs pointing out that littering on the highways will be fined and that the Anti-Litter League demands statistics re littering on the Bayshore Freeway.

Mr. A.L. Lindelli of the County Public Works Department said they do not have the men for even normal maintenance. They do pick up some litter in unincorporated areas but actually only make small cooperative efforts. Their major problem is abandoned cars. The county has \$27000 for litter pickup but there is a question of county responsibility on such a road as Panaramic which goes through the State Park. They had 2 men responsible for litter-- now they have lost 7 men and have discontinued litter in favor of filling chuck holes.

A litter problem on Calle del Mar, a road which is county maintained, was pointed out. For a time, on a special program the county had 80 youth at \$1.25 an hour and many of them were very good. It was asked whether there is an alternative to picking up litter such as deposits on cans and one member said that on a new 2 mile road he had counted 200 beer cans on one side of the road.

Lt. J.R. Street of the California Highway Patrol said Marin County had 432 miles of county road and 110 of State highways to be patrolled. He described types of offenses and laws to deal with them and commented that everyone in the room was probably guilty and that it is a modern national problem. They have 83 officers in each 24 hour period; 3 to 4 on weekends for the coastal area, 2 motorcycles as cars often cannot get through where there is a traffic accident although motorcycles cannot take people to jail. The penal code deals with littering but the courts are remiss in handling cases. It was pointed out that proof is essential, persons must be identified, and that few people throw out cans in front of a patrol car.

Sgt. George Rousch of the County Sheriff's Dept. said the county has no anti-littering ordinance but use a section of the penal code. They try for preventive action and pull cars off the road as a bit of education. They would like information from civilians re license numbers of offenders and will look into the situation, although an offense is usually denied. Signs are fine but people "shoot them up". It was suggested by a member that jail does no good-- they should be put to work on the road.

In the general discussion that followed it was noted that everyone has a good excuse why nothing can be done. Signs are fine but they must be enforced. If there

were good enforcement fines could pay salaries in one week end. People like a clean car so throw out litter-- litter bags should be required. In Bend Oregon the Chamber of Commerce gives out litter bags. Gas stations could supply them. Containers should be changed, or vendors compelled to take them back. Aluminum has value and aluminum cans bring 2¢ a can now. On two way roads with cars bumper to bumper there are too few patrolmen. Mr. Jahrling said one accident could tie a man up three or four hours. Helicopter service, expensive as it is was suggested. Traffic direction at cross roads was suggested but that take a man off his radio.

After a coffee break Mr. Ed Iacopi of Storer Cable TV Inc. Sebastopol spoke, proposing a franchise in the West Marin Area and saying that Mr. "Bud" Baar, Supervisor had asked for community opinion. He said the home base of the company is Miami and a western office has opened in L.A. He said it was obvious there was pretty good reception here. He said after installation it would cost the user \$5.95 a month. He asked that a letter be written Mr. Baar asking Storer to come in and install a system.

There were questions raised as to the real obligation of the company, how it related to the number of subscribers and their location, the possibility of changes in rates after installation etc. After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that the members present voted approval of the proposal in principle. However there was some concern as to the inherently monopolistic nature of the venture in an essentially rural area and some concern as to its legal implications. It could be that residents of the area are rather at the mercy of the Cable TV operator.

The present status of the Point Reyes National Seashore was reported and it was moved, seconded and passed to endorse its final purchase.

There was discussion of the proposed extension of services of County Service Area No. 8 to provide local park, recreation and parkway facilities and services. It was explained that it was enabling only, that it could provide for a small park for recreation for children which the Club had supported, it was also a beautification proposal.

It was moved seconded and passed that the Club would support the proposal before the Board of Supervisors but there was such vigorous opposition from one person present that it was essentially killed for the time being.

Alita Browne

Secretary

Meeting - at Stinson Beach - 10/28/69 - 9:45 a.m.

Bruce Hamor - Co. DPW
Carl Polo - Div Hwys
Brock - Div Beaches & Parks - Santa Rosa
Bob Carlson - Supervising Ranger - S/B State Beach
Col Geo White - Fire Chief
Walter Mikel - Fire Cnstr
Jos. Lawrence - Fire Cnstr
Anne Leary - businessman
Mirriam Ferber - businessman

Hwy 1

pedestrian hazard - Hwy 1 - west side - Calle Del Pinos to Calle Del Mar
(create footpath - perhaps w/ blacktop...dike type barrier)
(prohibit parking...W. side from Calle Del Pinos to gas station...E side
from near Calle Del Pinos or perhaps from vicinity of Elwood's...to
Calle del Mar)

2-hr zone...W side Calle Del Mar or perhaps incl gas station frontage...
to ~~junction of Panoramic~~ bridge or vicinity
E side Calle Del Mar to ~~junction of Panoramic~~ Belvedere
msg...2-hr parking 9 am to 5 pm ~~Sundays~~ Saturdays, Sundays
& holidays only
improve shoulders w/ blacktop & paint space markers on pavement
...& A/C dike on outside to preserve pedestrian way

no parking: bridge to jct Panoramic...both sides

trim trees...to improve sight distance for cars exiting from 7-11 parking
lot

County Roads

install "do not enter" sign....Buena Vista & Belvedere (near Com Ctr)

install...9' signs...Buena Vista...S of Calle Del Mar...& other narrow
portions

check need for stop signs...Buena Vista & Lincoln...Buena Vista & Calle
Del Mar

trim tree branch...~~Bukwilde~~ Laurel near 5-point intersection

sight distance...hedge at Belvedere & Lincoln...bush & garage at Buena
Vista & Lincoln

design...in cooperation w/ Park & Rec Dept...unified sign for installation
at end of all sts giving access to beach...msgs: no vehicles on beach...
no fires w/o permit...no litter...use litter can...etc...sign to look
attractive